



Mt. Charleston Town Advisory Board



MINUTES MT. CHARLESTON TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday, January 29, 2015

Members Present: Curtis Alexander Chair, Becky Grismanauskas Vice-Chair, Michael McGroarty, Michelle French, Pat Fitzgibbons

Members absent: None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was posted in conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Town Board members, County, State, Federal Government representatives, Public Utilities and Public Services representatives introduced themselves.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

Election of new Chair and Vice-Chair, Becky Grismanauskas elected Chair unanimously and Mike McGroarty elected Vice-Chair unanimously.

The agenda for January 29, 2015 was approved.

The minutes for November 24, 2014 were approved.

The minutes for October 30, 2014 were approved.

PLANNING AND ZONING

UC-0960-14 – USA:

USE PERMITS for the following: **1)** a communication tower; **2)** increase the height of an existing communication tower; and **3)** permit a communication tower with alternative design standards.

DESIGN REVIEWS for the following: **1)** a communication tower and associated ground equipment; and **2)** final grading plan for hillside development on a portion of 162.4 acres in an R-U (Rural Open Land) Zone. Generally located 2 miles northeast of Deer Creek Road and 3 miles north of State Route 157 within Mt. Charleston. LB/pb/ml (For possible action)

Tracy Cline discussed the reason behind the permit request and waiver. Curtis Alexander and Mike McGroarty asked questions about FAA requirements and details about the tower. Several residents asked about it supplying cell service to deer creek and Tracy Cline informed them that this tower is not capable of supplying cell service to the deer creek area. Randy Swick asked what the status of the special use

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permit is. Tracy Cline responded that he believed there is ten to fifteen years left on the permit. Mike McGroarty moved to approve the variance and waiver with condition of keeping the board approved, Curtis Alexander second the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

COMMUNITY CONCERN

1. Review the 2014 TAB/CAC meeting calendar including potential meeting cancellations/changes due to holidays. (for possible action) The board approved the schedule unanimously with the exception will decide the November meeting date in October. Mike McGroarty motioned and Curtis Alexander seconded the motion.
2. Review By-Laws for adoption at the February 26, 2015 meeting. The board was given a copy of the By-Laws with no changes except the date at the top changed to the current year.
3. Board to discuss community concerns regarding the mass amounts of people, trash and damage to the mountain that is continually increasing. Meggan Holzer discussed the impact the mountain took over the holidays. She informed the community that the County in in preliminary talks of putting in fee stations. If this should come to be a reality it would be years down the road. NDOT, USFS and Clark County are involved in the talks. Becky Grismanauskas stated that the Task force has been having discussions about solving these disasters for over two years. She discussed the possibility of snow park permits. Randy Swick spoke about the big weekend and the holidays that the mountain is dealing with. He stated that they have a cooperators meeting and discussed how to handle the mass numbers, but the numbers totally exceeded their expectations. There is a clean-up scheduled for February 7th and the 21st, there is also an announcement in Meggan's News Letter. Several residents expressed their concerns of why wasn't Foxtail and Old Mill picnic areas opened to help with the masses. Randy Swick informed them that they could not open the areas because there wasn't enough snow and the liability issues that go along with it. Others stated that more education and signage needs to be done. Randy also stated that there was not enough funding for staff and the USFS works with three partners, Southern Nevada Conservancy, Go Mt. Charleston and Outside Las Vegas for educating the community. Questions were asked about why there isn't more dumpsters available to help decrease the litter issue. Randy stated that the dumpster that was in the meadow is provided by Clark County. The USFS does not have funding for dumpsters as it operates on the premise of "Pack it in, Pack it out. Leave no Trace"

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept. – Sgt. Andrew LeGrow reported that there were some hectic weeks and they had the MVP's on and officers on overtime. Dave Martin asked if we could have mounted officers during that hectic time and Sgt. LeGrow stated he would look into it. Sgt. LeGrow feels that putting in fee stations will help tremendously. Sgt. LeGrow and Sgt. Higgins, NHP, discussed how bad the traffic actually was. Sgt. LeGrow stated that on senior ditch day 80 kids were stopped at Scotty road. There have been two "Coffee with a Cop" meetings and they both went well. They are developing neighborhood watch.

Clark County Fire Dept. – Chief Larry Haydu reported meetings are continuing with the fire transition and the equipment transfers have started. The BCC meet on February 17th to vote for the

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reorganization and after that things should move quickly. Plans are in the works to keep the current staff. Around the time of the Grand opening of the new Visitor Center we will be having the Living with Fire group here and on May 30th they will be at Red Rock. CCF provided NDOT with Fire Radios so everyone can communicate. The Fire Chief left to California and they are looking for a new Chief for CCF, it has been narrowed down to three candidates.

Nevada Division of Forestry – Jorge Gonzales reported they responded to 73 calls. They are having some mechanical issues with the Engine due to its age.

Las Vegas Valley Water District – Michael Weintz reported that Echo well 3 is at 110ft below ground surface and in the concerned range.

Mt. Charleston Volunteer Fire Dept. – Dave Martin reported they had avalanche planning and a rescue drill. There will be 3-4 paramedics coming to join. Our new equipment should be arriving in the next few months.

Nevada Highway Patrol – Sgt. Higgins reported that when the traffic was at its worst they had the Amber Alert sign down on 95 stating that there was no parking available on the mountain. NHP had extra staff, seventeen officers just on the mtn. NHP has a new substation since the old station in Indian Springs was shut down. The new address is 943 Ackerman Dr. off Horse Dr. and Sky Point. In the last three months approximately 600 traffic violations were written up. We do have one vacancy in our staff.

Clark County Administrative Services – Meggan Holzer explained the BCC meeting on the 17th that it is an official request to reorganize. Then after that is approved the plan can be put into motion.

United States Forest Service – Randy Swick reported that the construction on the campgrounds and picnic areas is finally complete. The Visitor Center is still under construction and hopefully complete by mid-February. The Grand Opening is by invite only. There is a new bridge at the Fletcher campground. We are still working on the Kyle wash. The Diversion channel is now over 4 million dollars instead of the initial 800,000 dollars that it was expected to cost. It is pretty much completed except for a few punch items.

Visitors Impact Task Force – Becky Grismanauskas reported the task force will convene soon and Michelle French will be co-chair.

Nevada Division of Transportation – Kevin Tilly and Glenn Rogers reported that with possible snow coming in the weekend they have operators on standby. The SR157 project has wrapped up until spring. They have been hydro seeding the shoulders for soil stabilization. They are in the process of adding lighting to the roundabout.

Other Agencies – No report.

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Mike McGroarty moved to dispense with Chair reports, vote was unanimous.

Roads – Curtis Alexander no report

Public Response – Mike McGroarty no report

Kyle Canyon Water District – Dennis Lovell (appointed new chair) no report

Fire Protection District – Becky Grismanauskas no report

License Plate – Curtis Alexander no report

CORRESPONDENCE - None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION -

Set Next Meeting Date. There is no Special Call meeting scheduled. The next regular meeting will be *Thursday, February 26, 2015.*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

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